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**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. In particular, this Preliminary Amendment seeks to place the application in greater compliance with 37 CFR 1.77(a) and in better form for consideration by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. No new matter has been added.


Pending claims 1-41 and 43-44 have been amended, without prejudice. Pending claim 42 has been cancelled, without prejudice. The amended claims are written in a form which is more consistent with the U.S. patent practice. In addition, the amendments are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. (See, for example, page 3, line 11 to page 12, line 25). No new matter has been added.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application. Applicant submits that all of the claims present patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all of the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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